

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

December 13, 2021

The Council of the Village of Coldwater held its regular meeting in the Village Council Chambers on December 13, 2021, with Mayor Doug Bertke presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll call was responded to by: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Buschur was absent.

Invocation by Rutschilling.

Guests included Jason Miller, Georgia Rindler and Brad Niekamp.

A motion was made by Bettinger, second by Brunswick to approve the minutes from November 22, 2021. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bettinger to approve the bills. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

The agenda was revised to remove the Finance Committee report from the agenda. A motion was made by Rutschilling, second by Bettinger to approve the revised agenda. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

Comments from the Public: None

Reports:

Police: Miller advised residents to watch out for scams this time of the year. There are a couple of new scams going around and they mainly prey on the elderly. He mentioned a woman recently lost \$1,000 at the Bitcoin machine at Chief's Supermarket due to a scam. He is going to warn residents on the police Facebook page also.

Finance Director: Eyink discussed the income tax report and the cash position report.

Village Manager: Thomas said there was some minor damage in town from the high winds and inch of rain that was received over the weekend. A pole for a street light was down on Woodview Drive and a tree came down at the park. Their will be a limb pick up on Tuesday for limbs that came down from the storms.

Mayor: Bertke thanked everyone that was involved in the Christmas at Memorial Park events. He said it was a great event and it was well attended.

Old Business:

Ordinance 1705: An Ordinance redistricting wards within the Village of Coldwater. A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Brunswick to approve Ordinance 1705. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

New Business:

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Bettinger to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:11 PM.

A motion was made by Brunswick, second by Rutschilling to come out of executive session. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried. Time 7:15 PM.

A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Rutschilling to accept the resignation of Troy Siefing from council. The resignation is effective as of December 3rd, 2021 because he moved to another ward. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made Bettinger, second by Brunswick to approve appointments made to the Library Board. Mary Lee Thomas, John Moeder and Linda Stelzer were all re-appointed to four-year terms. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

A motion was made Rutschilling, second by Bettinger to approve an appointment made to the Park Board. Jim Miller was re-appointed to a four- year term. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.


A motion was made by Schwieterman, second by Brunswick to approve the 2022 contracts for Village Horticulturist Alex Uhlenhake and for Law Director Judy Koesters. Roll call resulted in the following ayes: Schwieterman, Bettinger, Rutschilling and Brunswick. Motion Carried.

Council Call-Final Comments:

Rutschilling asked why the Village purchased about 32 trees recently. Thomas explained those are for the tree lottery. There are also a couple of trees that went to the park and a couple downtown.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bettinger, second by Rutschilling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Attest:



Jason Eyink, Clerk of Council



Douglas Bertke, Mayor